

PROTECTIVE COVER FOR SPECIALTY CROPLAND SL-8

Important Facts

Practice Lifespan

After the growth has been maintained for at least 90 days after seeding certification or until the conservation purpose has been served in accordance with NRCS 340 whichever is greater, it may be left on the land or incorporated.

Cost-share Rate

The state payment rate is \$15 per acre, payable to applicants that are not receiving payment for SL-8 from another source on the same specified acreage.

Tax Credit

The tax credit rate is 25% of the total eligible cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. If a cooperator receives cost-share, only the percent of the total cost of the project that the cooperator contributed is used to determine the tax credit..



This practice provides an incentive to keep cover on cropland when it is not being used after the harvest of a specialty crop. Its purpose is to reduce wind and water erosion, thus improving water quality. Specialty crops are given consideration due to bare sites and highly erodible soil conditions. Specialty crops for this practice are defined as vegetables and tobacco.

- Soil loss rates must be computed for all applications for use in establishing priority considerations.
- Payment is provided as a flat rate per acre incentive payment to encourage proper establishment and to offset a portion of the cost of seed and the seeding operation.
- A good stand and good growth of winter cover must be obtained in sufficient time to protect the area in the fall and winter. The seeding must be established and certified by November 30. After the growth has been maintained for at least 90 days after seeding certification or until the conservation purpose has been served in accordance with NRCS 340 whichever is greater, it may be left on the land or incorporated.